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Who Killed Stimulus? Ask Them:

“Daschle Shelves Stimulus Package”

—*USA Today* (2/6/02)

OCTOBER

Daschle Acknowledges Stimulus is Not a Priority

“... I don’t see this [economic stimulus] as front-burner an issue as I see the appropriations bills.”

Federal News Service, October 25, 2001

NOVEMBER

“Daschle says Congress can meet Bush's Nov. 30 deadline for economic stimulus package”

“Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, under increasing pressure from Republicans to move forward on an economic stimulus bill, said Thursday that lawmakers should be able to meet President Bush's Nov. 30 deadline for final passage.”

The Associated Press, November 1, 2001

DECEMBER

Daschle Admits He Does Not Want to Negotiate on Stimulus

“I don't want to have to negotiate twice in this [terrorism insurance], just as I've been very reluctant to negotiate two or three times on economic stimulus.”

Federal News Service, December 14, 2001

Media Rightly Credits Daschle for Obstruction

“This year's economic stimulus bill officially died when Senate Republicans tried to bring up a Bush-backed bill to cut taxes and expand benefits for the unemployed. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) used his power to block a vote, saying the bill contained too many tax cuts for businesses and the wealthy and not enough aid for the unemployed.”

Los Angeles Times, December 21, 2001

“Reuters (12/20, Kennen) reported President Bush's ‘revised plan to stimulate the US economy died an acrimonious death in the Democratic-led Senate on Thursday hours after its predawn passage in the Republican-led House of Representatives.’ As Congress ‘tried to complete its work for the year and go home for the holidays,’ Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle ‘refused to bring up the bill for a vote and Republicans could not force him to do so.’”

The Bulletin's Frontrunner, December 21, 2001

“Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota and other Democrats blocked consideration of the \$150 billion stimulus bill shortly before Congress' Christmas break. . .”

Dallas Morning News, December 30, 2001

JANUARY

Month Four: Daschle Still Blocks Stimulus Bill

“... the [stimulus] bill backed by Voinovich died when Daschle declined to allow a Senate floor vote.”

The Columbus Dispatch, January 24, 2002

“‘This is an opportunity to put together the pieces that ought to have 60 votes at the end of the day,’ said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who blocked passage of a House-passed bill in December.”

AP Online, January 24, 2002

Daschle Agrees with Greenspan that a Stimulus Bill is Not Important

“Daschle said ‘Chairman [Alan] Greenspan was right on the mark’ when the Federal Reserve Board [Chairman] testified before the Senate Budget Committee Jan. 24 that a stimulus bill wasn’t ‘a critically important issue to do. I think the economy will recover in any event.’”

Washington Internet Daily, January 28, 2002

FEBURARY

Democrats Expose Daschle’s True Stimulus Strategy

“Sen. John Breaux, D-La., and others acknowledged that Daschle wants to cut off debate and possibly kill the bill because he [Daschle] is concerned that some GOP-backed amendments could get the needed 60 votes for passage”

Congress Daily, February 5, 2002

“Senate To Shelve Stimulus Proposal”

“Most of the amendments failed, but a potential GOP amendment to permanently repeal the estate tax appeared to have enough votes to overcome procedural hurdles, which would have been an embarrassment to the Democratic leadership. So Daschle announced he would move to shut off debate, which would require 60 votes, and if that failed, he would pull the bill off the floor.”

The Washington Post, February 6, 2002

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